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1. VIETNAM/CHINA

WSJ'S KRAMER (HK)NOTES IMPT MTG OF TOP OFFICIALS OF PRC/SRV
ON ISSUE OF ETHNIC CHINESE APPEARS TO HAVE DONE LITTLE TO
STOP DETERIORATION OF RELS BETWN 2 COUNTRIES. AS MTG OF
2 FONMINS TAKING PLACE TUES, SAYS VIETS REPORTED NEW BORDER
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INCIDENT. SAID STRANDED CHINESE AT BRIDGE ON VIET SIDE
OF FRONTIER ATTACKED VIET BORDER PERSONNEL/NEWS MEDIA W/
KNIVES/STICKS/BRICKS/STONES. VNA REPORTED 20 VIETS
INJURED, 10 SERIOUSLY.

KRAMER OBSERVES DISCORD ALSO APPEARED ORDER OF DAY AT DIPL
MTG IN HANOI WHICH ENDED AFTER ONLY 3 HRS. SAYS PRC DEP
FONMIN CHUNG HSI-TUNG DISCLOSED IN SPEECH THAT TOP CHINESE/
VIET LEADERS HAD CONFERRED SECRETLY ON CHINA'S CHARGES IN
PEKING IN 6/77 AND URGED VIETS RESPECT '55 AGREEMENT BETWN

PRC/NVN WHICH PROVIDED FOR GRADUAL/VOLUNTARY NATURALIZATION CHINESE LIVING IN VN. SAID NVN AGREED NOT TO FORCE CHINESE TO ADOPT VIET CITIZENSHIP. CHUNG POINTED OUT IN SPEECH THAT SUBSEQUENT EVENTS SHOWED VIETS HAD NO INTENTION PUTTING INTO EFFECT WHAT ITS LEADER SAID IN CHINA.

KRAMER SAYS TEXT OF SPEECH WAS RELEASED BY NCNA, WHICH ANNOUNCED MTG ADJOURNED UNTIL NEXT WK (ALSO WP; REUTER, NYT/SUN--ALL PEKING; REUTER HK 8/8 COVERS BORDER INCIDENT; REUTER, CHITRIB/CSM--BOTH PEKING--NOTE OPENING OF TALKS).

2. VIETNAM

OVER FORMAL OBJECTIONS OF US, WB TUES APPROVED ITS 1ST LOAN TO VN (60-MIL-DOLS) WHICH WILL ASSIST IN REDEVELOPING AGRIC AREA SEVERLY DAMAGED BY WAR. CREDIT WILL BE SUPPLEMENTED BY 30 MIL DOLS IN LOANS FROM NETHERLANDS, KUWAIT, OPEC. NYT SAYS US OBJECTION PART OF ADMIN EFFORT TO AVERT CONGRESSIONAL DEADLOCK ON FON AID APPROPRIATIONS BILL LAST YR, BUT CREDIT NEVER CAME TO VOTE SINCE LOAN WAS SUPPORTED BY OTHER 19 MEMBERS OF BANK'S BOARD. UNDER LONG-TERM, LOW-INTEREST ARRANGEMENT, SRV WILL HAVE 50 YRS TO REPAY LOAN (REPRINTED SUN; ALSO UPI, JOC; WSJ; GLOBE REPRINT UNCLASSIFIED

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FROM WP; WSTAR 8/8).

3. SINGAPORE

IN WEDS SPEECH MARKING SINGAPORE'S 14TH ANNIVERSARY, PM LEE KUAN YEW SAID PRESENT SQUABBLES AMONG COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IN SEASIA HAVE GIVEN NON-COMMUNIST NATIONS NEW OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE ECON DEVEL. OBSERVED THAILAND WOULD ENJOY RESPITE FROM EXTERNAL INTERFERENCE SO LONG AS CAMBODIA/VN FIGHTING. OPTIMISTIC THEME OF MESSAGE SAID TO HAVE SURPRISED OBSERVERS, SINCE OTHER GOS LEADERS HAVE BEEN URGING COUNTRY GEAR FOR HARDER TIMES (REUTER SINGAPORE).

4. INDONESIA/PNG/AUSTRALIA

TIME-LIFE NEWS SERVICE'S DUNN (MELBOURNE, WSTAR 8/7) DOES BACKGROUND PIECE ON FREE WEST PAPUA MOVEMENT--(OPM,. NOTES THAT FOR MORE THAN 10 YRS, STONE-AGE REBELLION HAS PERIODICALLY FLARED IN IRIAN JAYA WHERE HANDFUL OF HARD-CORE DISSIDENTS, PRINCIPALLY STUDENTS/MINOR GOVT OFFICIALS, AIDED BY SEVERAL HUNDRED PRIMITIVE TRIBESMEN, HAVE FOUGHT STUBBORN BATTLE FOR INDEPENDENCE. CONTENTS THEY DISLIKE INDOS, ARE DEDICATED TO CREATION OF INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN DEMO STATE/ULTIMATE UNION W/PAPUA NEW GUINEA TO WHICH THEY ARE ETHNICALLY/CULTURALLY/GEOGRAPHICALLY TIED.

DUNN OPINES IT IS FIGHT THAT SEEMS HAVE LITTLE FUTURE.
SAYS REBELS GAINED SCANT ATTENTION UNTIL RECENTLY WHEN THEY
BEGAN PUBLICIZE THEIR ACTIVITIES IN AUSSIE PRESS IN ATTEMPT
TO SEEK AID. CONTENDS SITUATION HAS POTENTIAL FOR MORE
SERIOUS CONFRONTATION IF REBELS GAIN OUTSIDE SUPPORT FROM

FON COUNTRY.

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PM FRASER DISMISSED REGINALD WITHERS, MIN FOR ADMIN
SERVICES/GOA'S LEADER IN SENATE, MONDAY FOR HAVING
IMPROPERLY INFLUENCED ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES (REUTER
SYDNEY, NYT 8/8).

6. AUSTRALIA/PHILIPPINES

SAFEGUARD ACCORD THAT CLEARS WAY FOR SALE OF AUSSIE
URANIUM TO PHILS SIGNED IN MANILA. AUSSIE MIN SAID
AUSSIE FIRMS WILL SEEK SALE TO PHILS "IN THE VERY NEAR
FUTURE," THEN REPS WILL TRAVEL TO SK/JAPAN/US TO NEGOTIATE
SIMILAR AGREEMENTS. GOP SAID PHILS WILL NEED 600,000 LBS
URANIUM FOR NUKE POWER STATION SCHEDULED TO BEGIN
OPERATING END OF '81/150,000 LBS EACH YR THEREAFTER
(WSJ SPEC MANILA).

7. PHILIPPINES

IN ARTICLE CARRYING HEADLINE, "PRIVILEGE PROTECTS A
FILIPINO GUNMAN," WP'S WIDEMAN (MANILA 8/4) NOTES MONTH
HAS PASSED SINCE NEPHEW OF MARCOS/NEPHEW'S BODYGUARD
GUNNED DOWN COLLEGE STUDENT/HIS PARENTS IN BROAD DAYLIGHT.
OBSERVES NO CHARGES HAVE BEEN FILED/THAT DOESN'T
SURPRISE MANY FILIPINOS. SAYS NAME OF ANDRES BARBA HAS
YET TO APPEAR IN GOVT-CONTROLLED PRESS IN CONNECTION W/
SHOOTING. WITNESSES SAY GOVT INVESTIGATORS HAVE ASKED
THEM FEW QUESTIONS. STUDENT IS DEAD, BUT HIS PARENTS, WHO
ARE RECOVERING, SAY LITTLE.

WIDEMAN POINTS OUT THAT IN RECENT YRS, MARCOS' MARTIAL
LAW HAS ALSO PROTECTED SON OF JUAN ENRILE INVOLVED IN
SHOOTING DEATH OF ANOTHER STUDENT/GRANDSON OF CARLOS
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ROMULO CHARGED W/RAPE/SON OF US AMB ARRESTED IN DRUG
RAID.

IMELDA MARCOS WILL REPRESENT PHILS AT FUNERAL OF POPE
PAUL VI TOGETHER W/ARCHBISHOPS JAIME SIN/JULIO RESALES

(REUTER MANILA).

PRES MARCOS HAS RECEIVED PROPOSALS FROM HIS NEW SOCIETY POLITICAL MOVEMENT (KBL) TO MAKE IMELDA HIS OFFICIAL DEPUTY W/POSSIBLE SUCCESSION RIGHTS IN EMERGENCY. REUTER'S BICKLER (MANILA) SAYS MARCOS ASKED DEL TO STUDY FULLY IMPLICATIONS OF NAMING IMELDA UNDER MARTIAL LAW CONSTITUTION--"APPARENTLY NOT WANTING TO BE SEEN TO BE ACTING

HASTILY." NOTES MARCOS ANNOUNCED LAST WK HE SIGNED NEW SUCCESSION DECREE PROVIDING FOR INTERIM ASSEMBLY SPEAKER TO ACT AS CEREMONIAL PRES/FOR SENIOR DEP PM TO ACT AS PM PENDING AN ELECTION. FORMER PRES MACAPAGAL ATTACKED DECREE, ALLEGING IT DESIGNED TO PRESERVE MARCOS POWER. - - -

8. SOLOMON ISLANDS

SOLOMONS APPLY TO JOIN UN; WOULD BE 150TH MEMBER (CSM).

9. GENERAL

QUOTING UN FOOD/AGRIC ORG, JOC (ROME) SAYS US EXPECTED TO MAINTAIN LEADERSHIP TO '85 AS WORLD'S BIGGEST RICE EXPORTER WHILE INDO WILL ACCOUNT FOR 1/4 OF WORLD'S IMPORTS. OTHER MAJOR EXPORTERS EXPECTED BE THAILAND/PRC/BURMA/PAKISTAN.

10. CHINA

TWO HK NEWSPAPERS REPORTED 8/1 THAT PEKING HAS ANNOUNCED UNCLASSIFIED

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TOURISTS NOW ARE ALLOWED BRING GOLD/SILVER ITEMS, EDUCATIONAL FILMS, BOOKS, CERTAIN KINDS OF MEDICINE INTO PRC W/O PAYING IMPORT DUTIES. PAPERS SAID CHINESE CUSTOMS OFFICIALS ALSO HAVE SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURES FOR TOURISTS WHO BRING IN ITEMS SUCH AS MEDICAL EQUIPMENT/ELECTRONIC CALCULATORS/RECORDERS/RADIOS/CAMERAS/WATCHES/COSMETICS. DUTIES FOR THESE ITEMS RANGE FROM 20 TO 200 PCT (AP, STLP-D 8/6).

NCNA SAID WEDS THAT FORMER SECURITY SERVICES CHIEF LO JUI-CHING HAS DIED IN PEKING AT AGE 72 (REUTER PEKING).

PLA REPORT DISCLOSES CHOU EN-LAI TOOK PERSONAL CONTROL OF ARMED FORCES TO CRUSH '71 PLOT TO ASSASSINATE MAO. REPORT BELIEVED FIRST DISCLOSURE OF CHOU'S ROLE AS TEMPORARY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF (UPI, STLP-D 8/6 HK).

REUTER (PEKING) QUOTES INFORMED SOURCES THAT PRC HAS ASKED BRITAIN DESIGN/CONSTRUCT/EQUIP 2 COAL MINES IN DEAL WORTH

HUNDREDS MILLIONS STERLING, CONNECTED W/SUPPLY OF COAL TO PROPOSED ELECTRICITY GENERATING PLANTS IN HK.

PRC/LIBYA SIGNED JOINT COMMUNIQUE WEDS ESTABLISHING DIPLO RELS BETWN THEM (REUTER PEKING).

IN PEKING, UK TRADE MIN DELL PRESENTED FON TRADE MIN LI FRAMED COPIES OF ORIGINAL LTR FROM QUEEN ELIZABETH I TO

EMPEROR WANG LI, TO INTRODUCE 2 LONDON MERCHANTS (NYT).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. VIETNAM
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ST LOUIS P-D (7/12) OPINES IF HANOI IS READY FORGET AID PLEDGE DESPITE MORAL, IF NOT LEGAL OBLIGATION ON PART OF US, CARTER ADMIN SHOULD BE READY CARRY OUT ITS PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED OBJECTIVE OF NORMALIZATION. SAYS RESULTING TIES COULD HELP BOTH VN/US, LATTER THRU USE OF DIPLOMACY TO REGAIN INFLUENCE IN PART OF ASIA WHERE MIL INTERVENTION WAS DISASTER.

OMAHA WORLD HERALD EDIT (7/13), HOWEVER, CALLS SRV'S INTEREST IN RELS "HOGWASH." CONTENTS HANOI WILL TELL US ANYTHING IT THINKS US WANTS HEAR IN RETURN FOR MONEY/TECH KNOWLEDGE--STANDARD COMMUNIST METHOD OF OPRN. THINKS US SLOGAN NOW SHOULD BE SAME AS ANTIWAR PROTESTERS': "HELL, NO, WE WON'T GO."

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL (7/27) NOTES THAT BIGGEST BARRIER TO US-SRV NORMALIZATION HAS BEEN CLEARED AWAY, ENTREATS ADMIN NOT LET THIS OPPORTUNITY PASS. SAYS IN US INTEREST TO MAINTAIN FORMAL RELS W/"STRONGEST MILITARY AND POLITICAL FORCE" IN SEASIA WHICH WOULD GIVE COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE ON VN/LAOS/CAMBODIA THAT CANNOT BE ACHIEVED FROM BANGKOK. CONCLUDES IF US CAN MAINTAIN MISSIONS IN MOSCOW/PEKING, "IT SHOULD BE ABLE TO STOMACH RELATIONS WITH HANOI."

BGLOBE'S STORIN (7/28) SEES IRONY IN SITUATION WHERE US WAS WILLING SACRIFICE 46,000 LIVES TO ALLOW SVIETS LIVE IN FREEDOM, BUT IS UNWILLING SWALLOW FAILURE OF VENTURE SO THAT MANY OF SAME HAVE CHANCE TO FEED THEMSELVES. NOTES DOS HAS YET TO MAKE CONCILIATORY RESPONSE TO SRV'S OVERTURES/WILL NOT LIFT TRADE EMBARGO WHEN IT EXPIRES IN SEPT. CONTENTS WITH TIME, FREEZE BETWN WASHINGTON/HANOI HAS LOST ALL SENSIBILITY. OBSERVES VN IS NOT SECURITY THREAT TO US, THAT, W/IMPROVED RELS, US MIGHT INFLUENCE HANOI AGAINST AGGRESSIVE POLICY TOWARD THAILAND. CON-
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